

CURRENT CASE SUMMARIES

William Brown vs. City of Champaign and Officers Rush and Coleman (Case No. 14-cv-2324)

On June 3, 2013 at about 2:30 a.m., Mr. Brown crashed into a parked car. His license had been revoked. Brown exited the car and fled the scene on foot. Officers Coleman and Rush ran after Brown. Brown tripped or simply stopped running and was on the ground in the yard at 14 Sherwood Court. Brown alleges the officers used excessive force in making the arrest. The settlement in this case was approved by the City Council at the December 1, 2015 Council Meeting for the amount of \$25,000.

Benjamin Mann vs. City of Champaign and Officers Aikman, Butler, Epling, Haugen, Henry, Rush and Schweska (Case No. 14-cv-2200)

On March 16, 2014, police officers were dispatched to a home in Garden Hills for a request to remove a subject. The female reporting person stated that her boyfriend was there and they needed to exchange property with the police present. Mr. Mann had arrived at the residence at about 2 a.m. and wanted to get the keys to his vehicle. The female reporting subject told Mr. Mann that she would wait for the police to arrive. Officers Henry and Rush were the first to arrive. Plaintiff allegedly refused to comply with police orders. Officer Rush attempted to arrest Mr. Mann and Officer Henry sprayed him with OC spray (pepper spray). The arrest was witnessed and recorded via cell phone. Allegations are that Officer Rush used excessive force in his arrest and that the other police officers did not act to prevent such use of force.

Kisica Seets vs. City of Champaign and Officers Rush, Haugen and Schweska (Case No. 15-cv-2154)

On April 11, 2014, police responded to a call for assistance. They encountered the Plaintiff in the vicinity of 421 Fairview Drive in Champaign. Ms. Seets had been engaged in an altercation in the front yard. According to the complaint, Officers Henry and Schweska sprayed Plaintiff with OC spray and Officer Rush took control of Ms. Seets and handcuffed her. Officer Rush then walked Ms. Seets to the police car, and he is alleged to have shoved her into the car with his knee and performed a knee strike to her legs. Ms. Seets is alleged to have spit on Officers Rush and Haugen, while she was resisting being placed in the police car. Plaintiff claims that excessive force was used in her arrest.

The above summaries are simplified renditions of the facts and allegations of each case. Each case is or was pending in the Federal District Court for the Central District of Illinois. One is required to register for a login and password from the Federal District Court database in order to access copies of court documents filed in the referenced cases.. There are clearly facts and allegations that are not contained in the above summaries that the respective parties would assert are relevant to the cases.